

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-1-6**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 6, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: January 6, 1997, 1:45 p.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Local Competition Docket D96.2.16 - Discuss comments and responses in more detail for the rules on dispute resolution and approval of agreements; possibly other rules including pricing if staff is ready (1/6/97)
2. AT&T Docket D96.11.200 - Discuss the January 10, 1997, Prehearing Conference to clarify the purpose, conduct, and goals of the conference. Commissioners, as the Arbitrators, will be conducting the conference (1/6/97)
3. USWC Docket D96.4.70 - Discuss AT&T's and MCI's Joint Motion for Stay and Joint Motion for Reconsideration (1/6/97)
4. USWC/PTI Docket D96.2.15 - Discuss staff recommendation (1/6/97)
5. FVBA vs. PTI Docket D96.9.152 - Discuss and act on Motion for Interim Order (1/6/97)

6. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss Motion for Protective Order and request in application for either an order accepting the application as complete, or a waiver of the provisions of ARM 38.5.2803 and ARM 38.5.2807 through 38.5.2820, the minimum rate case filing requirements (1/6/97)
7. MPC Docket D96.3.33 - Discuss MPC's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 5915a (1/6/97)
8. GFG Docket D96.7.123 - Prehearing Work Session (1/6/97)
9. Draft legislation for interim authority over unregulated companies - Discuss draft for enabling legislation to mediate/arbitrate/approve interconnection agreements involving presently unregulated companies (1/6/97)
10. USWC's constitutional challenge to imputation of yellow page revenue (New Mexico and other states) - Discuss filing of amicus briefs in New Mexico case (1/6/97)
11. Pipeline Safety, NESC, C84.1 proposed rules - Discuss comments received on proposed rulemaking (1/6/97)
12. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (1/6/97)
13. Weekly **AND** Monthly Scheduling Meetings - Will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the day of the Business Meeting (1/6/97)

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N96.12.209 (Nina)

On December 13, 1996, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 96-08, proposing textual changes to its Montana Tariff No. 2, Section C - Option L (MCI Phone Cash, Unit Value); and Option P (MCI Masters). Staff recommends approval.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.11.192 (Kate)

On November 18, 1996, US West Communications filed a proposed tariff to implement a new policy for termination of entrance facilities in new buildings and reinforcement of entrance facilities in existing buildings that will give property owners options for selecting the demarcation point between regulated company facilities and deregulated premises wiring for which the customer is responsible. A staff memo recommending approval has been distributed.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.12.215 (Nina)

On December 20, 1996, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 96-43, "Start-Up Business Packages," which provides telecommunication services tailored to meet the specific needs of new businesses. The proposed packages are "solutions" based and provide flexibility for new businesses to add features to their access lines. These packages replace the temporary offerings for Start Up Businesses offered from March 11, 1996 through March 7, 1997. Customers who subscribe to new business service, have a choice from three packages to meet their communications needs and to receive a one-time credit on their bill.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.12.216 (Nina)

On December 20, 1996, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 96-44, "Free Installation Celebration," for the introduction of promotional offerings for business and residence customers of multiple products. Promotional offerings will be made to both residential and business customers during the period January 6, 1997 through February 14, 1997. The promotion will be available to new and existing customers who subscribe to any of the referenced service on new, change, transfer and record orders during the period.

3. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.12.213 (Kate)

On December 19, 1996, Citizens Telecommunications filed an entire replacement of its existing local exchange tariff to make content and format changes. Content changes in the new tariff (as directed by Commission Order #5731c) are removal of all text and rates pertaining to multi-party service, mileage charges, Eureka-Rexford Suburban Rate Area, and base rate areas. The rest of the tariff revisions are formatting and minor corrections.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

USWC Docket D96.4.70 - NSA waiving ARM 38.2.4806(5) was served December 23, 1996

MPC Docket D96.3.33 - NSA waiving ARM 38.2.4806(5) was served December 27, 1996

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-1-13

Docket N96.12.215 USWC (Nina)
Docket N96.12.216 USWC (Nina)
Docket N96.12.213 Citizens TeleCom (Kate)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N96.12.213 Citizens TeleCom - Revise Local Exchange Tariff
N96.12.214 Central Montana Communications - Miscellaneous changes/Clean-up Tariff
N96.12.215 USWC - Start-Up Business Packages
N96.12.216 USWC - Free Installation Celebration
N96.12.217 USWC - Business Voice Messaging Restructure
N96.12.218 USWC - 1-800 USWC Calling Service
D96.12.219 BHP&L - Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
D96.12.220 USWC - Rate restructure filing